

# THE SPIRE

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## TOGETHER, WE

### SERVE PASSIONATELY

Jesus changes lives. We serve as His Hands by offering our gifts and talents to transform the lives of all people.

### WORSHIP VIBRANTLY

God deserves our best. We worship to glorify God, experience the Living Christ, and respond to the Holy Spirit.

### SHARE BOLDLY

We love our neighbor. We share the Good News of God's love for the world and invite others to a saving relationship with Christ.

### CONNECT AUTHENTICALLY

We take care of each other. We connect our church family by loving one another, respecting our differences, and nurturing relationships.

### DISCIPLE FAITHFULLY

We seek the Heart of Christ. We grow as passionate life-long followers of Jesus through intentional faith development.



## FROM OUR PASTOR

This Sunday, March 3rd, begins a season of commitment to our *Together, We* vision. The work that our Discovery Team did over the last year and that you have been praying for and having discussions about is all a preamble to the real work of committing ourselves to seeing these dreams become a reality. If all we do is talk about these great ideas and opportunities and how they might work and what might happen in our community and church if they did, or if all we do is agree that these are the best and right ideas at the right time for our church, but we do nothing about it, then we really haven't done anything. That's why we are asking for a commitment from each and every one of our church members.

What we are asking you to do is to commit to the area(s) that you feel God is leading you towards. We want you to commit where you feel passionate and feel led and where you sense God has gifted you to serve. There are many initiatives within each area, and not all of those initiatives will happen at the same speed or will ask the same of each person, so we want to know where you feel called and passionate.

We have created commitment cards that will be available to you in both paper and digital formats. Over the next two weeks (three Sundays) we want to get commitments from you either by filling out a paper card and returning it to our office, or responding to the digital card that is linked on our website and will also be linked on our social media. Fill out the card and tell us where you want to commit and we will be in touch in the weeks ahead as we begin to organize ourselves around the initiatives.

With grateful anticipation,



## CHILDREN'S CORNER

### GETTING READY LUNCH & LEARN

Kids 2nd-6th grade who have not yet made the decision to be baptized are invited to lunch with Ms. Kristen on March 10 from 12:00-2:00 p.m. to talk about what baptism is, what it means, and how each person feels ready at a different time. Please email Kristen at [kpope@fbcrome.org](mailto:kpope@fbcrome.org) to sign your child up!

### TALENT SHOW & SILENT AUCTION

It's time to gear up for our annual fundraiser on March 31st. Email or text Kristen if your child would like to participate in the talent show, or if there is something you will be donating for the auction. We will need everyone's help!

### BUNK GEE'S LIFE VERSE:

"Find rest, O my soul, in God alone; my hope comes from him."  
Psalm 62:5

## YOUTH NEWS

### LAST CALL! MARCH MISSION MADNESS

March 15-17 – Only a few spots left!  
\$100 per participant  
<https://fbcromemmm2019.eventbrite.com>

### PASSPORT YOUTH CAMP – SAVE THE DATE!

Greensboro College – Greensboro, NC  
June 30 - July 5  
\$399 per student  
Sign up for YOUR spot here -  
<https://fbcrome-ythpassport-19.eventbrite.com>

## MISSIONS MINISTRY

### SERVICE SPOTLIGHT - RESTORATION ROME

FBC is grateful to a group of 11 women who provided and served a meal at Restoration Rome in early February. They provided childcare to a group of foster families in training that night. We are truly grateful for ALL of the ways FBC members serve quietly each week, but wanted to highlight these.

## WOMEN OF THE CHURCH AND MEN'S MINISTRY

### SAVE THE DATE!

### STEAK DINNER AND VARIETY SHOW

THURSDAY, APRIL 4 | 6:00 P.M., FELLOWSHIP HALL

The Women of the Church and Men's Ministry will work together on this event featuring the talents of FBC Interns and other talent.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### HOW WILL YOU SHARE THE GOOD NEWS?

The Offering for Global Missions positions FBC Rome in places and among people that seem out of our reach.

This special offering supports Cooperative Baptist Fellowship missionaries called and gifted to meet very specific needs in health care, agriculture, education, and disaster relief—all while bearing the presence of Christ. What if each of us matched the dollars (or a percentage of dollars) we spend on our own education, our own lawn care, our own gym memberships, our own utility bills for the purpose of missions? The goal of FBC Rome is \$33,000. As one missionary recently stated, "Your gifts get us there. Your prayers keep us there." Learn more at: [www.cbf.net/missions](http://www.cbf.net/missions)

### ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

The service that begins the season of Lent is March 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary. There will be no children or youth activities so that families may begin the Lenten journey together. Sanctuary Choir rehearsal will follow the service.

## ADULT CHOICES

Wednesdays, 6:20 p.m.

“Lent as Resistance: Saying No to the Culture of Now”  
Wednesdays (beginning March 13) at 6:20 p.m.  
in the Dining Room | Led by Matt DuVall

In a culture that says we can have everything we want whenever we want, should Christians practice a different rhythm? What would a rhythm look like that not only gives us space for God in our lives, but also helps us to live in better and more balanced relationships with our self, with our loved ones, and with the things in our lives?

Let's discover that together.

**March 13** - Resistance to Distraction

**March 20** - Resistance to Want

**March 27** - Resistance to Coercion

**April 24** - Old Names and New Life

**April 3** - Resistance to Exclusivism

**April 10** - Resistance to Multitasking

**April 17** - Resistance to Anxiety

## FAITH TALKS

FAITH INFORMING LIFE

“THE HEALING EFFECTS OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER”

SUNDAY, MARCH 31 | 9:45 A.M. IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

Featuring Dr. Christy Berding

### LIVING PROOF CHILDCARE HELP NEEDED

There is a need for help with childcare at Living Proof during their recovery meetings. Anyone interested, please email the office and we will put you in touch with those in charge. Most needs are during evening hours.



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## WELCOME TO THE CHURCH FAMILY

PLEASE WELCOME: Sara S. Hiern

## MUSIC MINISTRY

### FURMAN SINGERS IN CONCERT AT FBC

The Furman Singers will present a free concert in the Sanctuary on Tuesday, March 5, at 7:00 p.m. Two of our members, Mary Jo McCormick and William Douglas, are members of this acclaimed ensemble. Bring some friends and enjoy a night of great music!

### MUSIC MINISTRY TO THE FOX

The Music Ministry is sponsoring a trip to see "Dear Evan Hansen" at the Fox in Atlanta on Thursday, April 25. Orchestra level tickets are \$100 and includes transportation. We will depart at 4:15 p.m. Please sign up and pay in the church office. Your payment ensures your ticket!

## SENIOR ADULTS

### SENIOR ADULT TRIP TO THE WEST

A few spaces are still available for our trip to Yellowstone, Jackson Hole, the Badlands and more in September. A \$100 discount for signing up early will expire March 18. Another discount is available for those who traveled with us to Spain and Portugal. The trip is now open to those who are not members of FBC. Contact Keith for details.

## SUNDAY FLOWERS

The flowers for Sunday, March 3, in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bob Richards by Marion Richards.

The flowers for Sunday, March 3, in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Don Clements by the Clements Family.

The flowers for Sunday, March 10, in the Narthex are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Hazel Hay Dowd & Willard C. Hay and Edward and Doris Dellinger Dowd by Lucy Hay Vick and Dub and Lyn Hay.

The flowers for Sunday, March 10, in the Sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Lovie Borchardt by Millie and Jay Matthews and Donna and Charles Cox.

## GIVING TO GOD

### Year-to-Date:

Ministry Support Needed	\$791,254.40
Support Received	\$808,866.03

World Vision, Meals & More  
and CBF World Hunger Relief \$1,542.10

CBF Global Missions Offering \$27,211.00

2018-2019 Total Budget Commitments to Date \$1,222,054.00

seeking His heart | Being His hands

March 2 - March 15

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### Saturday, March 2

Minister on Call	Keith Reaves 706.292.9620
Marriage Enrichment Weekend	8:30 a.m. - 12:00 pm

### Sunday, March 3

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Youth Choir, Choir Suite	9:00 am
Youth Parent Panel Mtg., YR	9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am
Together, We Leadership Team Mtg., DR	12:20 pm
Youth Small Groups, YR	5:00-7:00 pm

### Monday, March 4

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm.	9:30 am
Women's Bible Study, DR	10:00 am
First Baptist Ringers	5:15 pm
Women's Small Group, Conf. Rm.	5:30 pm

### Tuesday, March 5

Men's Bible Study, DR	12:00 pm
Furman Singers Concert, Sanctuary	7:00 pm

### Wednesday, March 6 (Ash Wednesday)

First Choice Dinner, FH	5:00 pm
Ash Wednesday Service, Sanctuary	6:00 pm
Childcare Provided	
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm

### Friday, March 8

Finance Committee Mtg., Conference Rm.	12:00 pm
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### Saturday, March 9

Minister on Call	Matt DuVall 706.254.1323
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### Sunday, March 10 (First Sunday in Lent)

Scrap Iron Broadcast (WLAQ 1410)	9:00 am
Bible Study (all ages)	9:45 am
Worship - Comcast Channel 44	11:00 am
Getting Ready Lunch & Learn, Big Rm.	12:00-2:00 pm
Youth Small Groups, YR	5:00-7:00 pm

### Monday, March 11

Centering Prayer, Prayer Rm.	9:30 am
Women's Bible Study, DR	10:00 am
Ruble-Whitworth Missions Group, Comm. Rm.	11:00 am
Women's Small Group, Comm. Rm.	5:30 pm
Deacons' Meeting:	
Executive Mtg., Conference Rm.	5:30 pm
Dinner, FH	6:00 pm
General Mtg., DR	6:30 pm

### Tuesday, March 12

Men's Bible Study, DR	12:00 pm
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### Wednesday, March 13

First Choice Dinner, FH	5:00 pm
Women's Small Group, 3rd Flr. Education Bldg.	5:45-6:30 pm
Youth Hangout, YR	5:45 pm
Children's Choirs	5:45 pm
Prayer Time, FH	6:00 pm
Adult Choice Seminar, DR	6:20 pm
Children on Mission	6:30 pm
Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal, Choir Suite	6:45 pm

### Friday, March 15

Youth depart for March Mission Madness, Alpharetta	5:00 pm
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## THIS WEEK: MARCH 3

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

"TOGETHER, WE" COMMITMENT SERVICE

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:42-47

ANTHEM: Lord, You Have Been Our Dwelling  
Place...Lloyd Larson

SPECIAL MUSIC: Youth Choir and Brass Ensemble

### TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Tiffany & Jeff Martin

1's & 2's: Amy & Ryan Cox

3's & 4's: Scarlet Roberts

### FIRST CHOICE MENU

MARCH 6

Fried Chicken

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Hot Dogs with Potato Chips

MINISTER ON CALL:

Keith Reaves 706.292.9620

## NEXT WEEK: MARCH 10

### FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

SERMON: "Resistance to Distraction"

PREACHER: Rev. Matt DuVall

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 20:1-3; Luke 10:25-27

ANTHEM: Trust in the Lord...arr. Letha Cole Crouch

SPECIAL MUSIC: Nancy Ratcliffe

### TLC VOLUNTEERS

BED BABIES: Miriam & Carroll Peterson

1's & 2's: Leigh & Ryan Weldon

3's & 4's: Ann & Jordan Knight

### FIRST CHOICE MENU

MARCH 13

Assorted Soups & Stews

CHILDREN'S OPTION

Grilled Cheese with Tomato Soup

MINISTER ON CALL:

Matt DuVall 706.254.1323

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## SUNDAY SERVICES

BROADCAST LIVE ON  
COMCAST CHANNEL 44 AND  
VIA [WWW.FBCROME.ORG](http://WWW.FBCROME.ORG)

## BRIDGES OUT OF POVERTY

SATURDAY

APRIL  
6, 2019

Fellowship Hall of FBC Rome

8:00-3:30 Workshop

Lunch will be provided

Childcare provided

Our annual Hands of Christ Day will take new shape as we sponsor a community-wide training event addressing poverty. EVERYONE is encouraged to either attend and/or volunteer as a host.

Register at [www.fbcrome.org](http://www.fbcrome.org), or by calling the church office.

Want to make an impact on our community? Mark your calendars!

Please visit us for more information:  
[www.fbcrome.org](http://www.fbcrome.org)

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